I claim:

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A method of imprinting sand or snow comprising providing a sand die comprising:

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- a plurality of detail blades having a/thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;
- a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;
- a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; and
- a handle attached to said plate on the surface not attached to said detail blades;

placing the sand die over/the sand or snow; pressing the sand die into the sand or snow; and removing the sand die from the sand or snow.

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2. A method of imprinting sand or snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further having a plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

placing the sand die over the sand or snow;

pressing the sand die into the sand or snow; and

removing the sand die from the sand or snow.

3. A method of imprinting sand or show comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches;

placing the sand die over the sand or snow; pressing the sand die into the sand or snow; and

removing the sand die from the sand or snow.

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4. A method of imprinting sand or snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a plurality of detail blades depending from a plate, said detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

placing the sand die over the sand or snow;

pressing the sand die into the sand or snow; and removing the sand die from the sand or snow.

5. A method of selling stamping sand dies comprising:

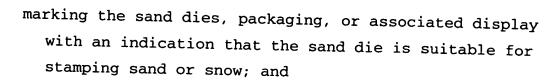
providing a sand die suitable for stamping sand or snow, said sand die comprising a plurality of detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch; said sand die further comprising a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch; said sand die further comprising a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; said sand die further comprising a handle attached to said plate;

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- displaying or placing the sand die so marked to prospective purchasers.
- 6. A method of selling stamping sand dies comprising:
 - providing a sand die suitable for stamping sand or snow, said sand die comprising a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further comprising a plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

providing sterilized sand packaged with the sand die;

marking the sand dies, packaging, or associated display with an indication that the sand die is suitable for stamping sand or snow; and

displaying or placing the sand die so marked to prospective purchasers.